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In re Application of: Paul A. Francisco et al.)
Application No.: 09/195,105)
Filed: November 18, 1998) DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37
For: POINT OF TAX REPORTING AND) C.F.R. § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW
AUTOMATIC COLLECTION) HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
SYSTEM WITH TAX REGISTER)

This is a decision on the petition filed May 2, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.181 to a withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

This application was held abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the Office action of mail date April 20, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 21, 2001.

In support of the petition, Petitioner provides a copy of the response to the Office action including a Terminal disclaimer and a post card with a PTO stamp indicating receipt at the USPTO on April 26, 2000. A check for \$55.00, to cover the requisite fee, was posted to the application on April 28, 2000.

Petitioner has established that a timely response was filed and the Abandonment was the result of Office error in not matching the response to the application file.

The petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for entry of the response and will then be forwarded to the Examiner for appropriate action.


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